

**COUNTY OF UNION,
ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING
REDUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND**

WHEREAS, Illinois counties are experiencing a decline in revenues during the current recession; and

WHEREAS, Illinois counties are in fiscal turmoil and unable to provide vital services to citizens including police, courts, record processing, and road maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Illinois taxpayers live in counties throughout the state and contribute income tax of which 90% goes to the state and 10% goes to local government services; and

WHEREAS, Governor Quinn proposed in his March 10, 2010 budget address to withhold 30% of this shared revenue keeping \$300 million of that for the state budget; and

WHEREAS, this proposed withholding of county revenue will cost local governments \$23.10 per resident which could be used to provide services the local taxpayer needs; and

WHEREAS, this reduction compounds on the state's late payments of Local Government Distributive Fund amounts to counties; and

WHEREAS, local taxpayers deserve to have these tax dollars returned to their communities to pay for local community employees, to provide local community services and to avoid local tax increases;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The County of Union, Illinois strongly opposes any reduction of the Local Government Distributive Fund due counties and demands the 10% be kept whole.

SECTION 2: The County of Union, Illinois requests every Senator and Representative to reject this diminution of desperately needed revenue due counties.

SECTION 3: If proposed cuts in the local share of income tax revenue are adopted, the County of Union, Illinois will be financially impacted and will be forced to make local budget cuts and reductions of services.

SECTION 4: The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Quinn, the legislative leaders of both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly and members representing this county.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Union, Illinois this 19 day of April, 2010.

Chairman: Amy Hall voting yes.

County Commissioner: John Gunn voting YES.

County Commissioner: Ronald Jerry voting Yes.

Subscribed and Sworn to me this 19th day of April, 2010

County Clerk: Bobby John J.